

Over the years, we have been fortunate to consult with Dick on legislation concerning our veterans, and perhaps more than anything else, we are blessed to count him as a friend. As he begins this new chapter of his life, on behalf of our grateful nation and community, we wish him and his wife, Cheryl, all the best.

#### TRIBUTE TO GONZALO GUTIERREZ LEMUS

#### HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 5, 2018*

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Gonzalo Gutierrez Lemus as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Hispanic Heritage Month. Gonzalo Gutierrez Lemus is a first-generation Mexican-American student with big dreams. While a student at Polk State Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School, he founded and became president of the high school's Key Club. He also held leadership roles in Student Government, was a National Honor Society member, a Health Occupation Students of America national finalist and a Silver Garland nominee. He became the Honors Program Student Council President, where he mentored freshmen students and tirelessly advocated for Polk State College students and the greater Polk County community.

Gutierrez was one of 273 chosen National Newman Civic Fellows a Boston-based non-profit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education.

Gutierrez recently received the Florida College System Student Government Association President of the year award, which is given to one president in the Florida College System who has exhibited distinguished service to his or her campus and community by providing support, opportunities, and leadership.

He received the Polk State College Exceptional Leaders with Innovative Talents and Excellence Leadership Legacy Scholarship award and was recently elected to serve as the Vice President of the Kiwanis Club of Winter Haven.

He serves on the Public Education Partnership Board of Directors, is an Adult Advisor for Haines City's Emerging Youth Advisory Council, a member of the Keen Focus Group of Lakeland, a group dedicated to the professional development of young professionals through civic engagement in the community.

Gutierrez is a mentor for Polk County Public School Board Take Stock in Children, is on the Student Advisory Council for Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School and is Polk State Colleges Honors Program Coordinator.

Gutierrez Lemus completed his Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management degree, with a concentration in Business Administration and plans to attend Florida Atlantic University for his Masters in Higher Education Leadership.

#### CELEBRATING ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY

#### HON. PETER WELCH

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 5, 2018*

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Energy Efficiency Day and recognize the great economic and environmental benefits the United States has realized since the first energy efficiency policies were enacted more than 40 years ago. On Friday, October 5, Americans from every corner of our country will join together to raise awareness of energy efficiency, celebrate the prosperity and innovation these policies have helped foster, and appreciate the work—past and present—of leaders in business, the non-profit sector, and government that has doubled the energy productivity of our economy since 1980. I am proud to count myself among them as a committed advocate for national energy efficiency policy.

Since the first energy efficiency policies were enacted in the 1970s, improvements in technologies and practices have resulted in energy savings worth more than 60 quadrillion British Thermal Units (BTUs) (quads) and avoided costs worth more than \$800 million annually. Today, the energy efficiency sector boasts a workforce of about 2.25 million Americans (including about 11,000 Vermonters). And the federal government—the largest energy user on the planet—has worked with private-sector partners on investments that have lowered the energy intensity of government facilities by over 47 percent. These savings are real, and without the gains in energy efficiency we would waste more energy, generate more harmful emissions, release more pollutants into the environment, rely more on foreign oil, and spend more on costly power plants and transmission lines. Any way you look at it, energy efficiency is a wise investment and a worthwhile policy goal of the United States.

As many of my colleagues know, energy efficiency has a storied history of bipartisan support in Congress. Since the Energy Policy and Conservation Act was passed in 1975, Congress has provided sweeping updates to federal energy efficiency policy six times and approved smaller measures many times. The last stand-alone energy efficiency legislation enacted, I am proud to say, was one I worked on with my colleague and good friend DAVID MCKINLEY of West Virginia, who sponsored the bill.

We have made great progress over these four decades, but Energy Efficiency Day should be a reminder of our commitment to continue pressing on for our collective benefit. We must do more, achieve more, and save more—all while using less. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in celebrating Energy Efficiency Day and working across the aisle and across the Capitol to craft the next set of policies we need to remain energy-efficient and productive in the 21st Century.

#### WHATCOM COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERSHIP IN CYBERSECURITY EDUCATION

#### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 5, 2018*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Whatcom Community College (WCC) for its leadership in cybersecurity education. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of 2016 there were over 100,000 cybersecurity jobs in the U.S. Yet the cybersecurity workforce gap is projected to reach 1.8 million unfilled cybersecurity jobs in 2020. Congress needs to invest in the future of the cybersecurity workforce.

WCC is one example of how academic institutions in the U.S. engage students in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to excel in the cybersecurity field. As a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance, WCC leads the expansion of cybersecurity education nationwide. WCC through their leadership in CyberWatch West, works to improve existing cybersecurity resources to develop effective training and teaching modules to raise awareness and build partnerships among academia and industry. It is imperative for local communities to increase connections with industry around cybersecurity to better enable the U.S. to foster the growth and complexity of cybersecurity education.

In 2020, WCC is planning to apply to become a Center of Excellence in Cybersecurity. Designating WCC as the next Center of Excellence in Cybersecurity would provide valuable resources to community colleges seeking to improve their cybersecurity education programs and foster innovation and interest in cybersecurity education throughout the U.S.

I thank WCC for its contribution to cybersecurity education in the U.S. and will continue to advocate for increased investment in STEM.

#### RECOGNIZING LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

#### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, October 5, 2018*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate The Lighthouse for the Blind on 100 years of dedicated service to the deaf, DeafBlind, and blind residents of the United States.

The Lighthouse for the Blind is a not-for-profit, social enterprise originating in Seattle and expanding to multiple locations throughout the nation. Founded with the goal of empowering the blind, deaf, and DeafBlind community members, they have acted as a crucial employer for many people in my Congressional District, and throughout Congressional Districts across America. They work closely with both public and private entities, like The Boeing Company and the Department of Defense, to provide them with quality machine parts and equipment.

The Lighthouse for the Blind stands as a beacon welcoming people into their safe harbor. They promote an environment of support,